

in securing but one new member or but one new subscriber, we should become self-supporting at once. We can offer liberal terms to any who are willing to canvas for new subscribers. Write the editor for terms.

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We are in the midst of the winter season again, when there is stagnation in bird study for the large majority of bird students. This ought not so to be. While the winter tramps will not yield so many species as at any other time of year, it will often result in more novel experiences and in learning more useful things about the birds than a whole summer's work will. Elsewhere in this number you will find a call for New Year horizons. Will you not consider this a personal matter and make sure of some outdoor study of the birds about you on the first day of the year 1903, to begin the year right?

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We are pained to learn of the death of Mr. Chester Barlow, late editor of *The Condor*, on November 6, at Mountain View, Santa Clara county, California. His career as a bird student was marked by enthusiasm and accurate work. His loss will be a serious one to the Cooper Club.

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#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1903.

The election resulted in the selection of the following officers for 1903. A full statement of the election will appear in the Reports of Officers for 1903, to be issued with the March Bulletin.

President—Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

Vice-President—N. Hollister, Delavan, Wis.

Secretary—John W. Daniel Jr., 3146 Q St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Penn.

Executive Council—

John H. Sage.

H. C. Oberholser.

W. E. Saunders.

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#### GENERAL NOTES.

NOTES FROM SOUTHERN OHIO.—MOURNING DOVE (*Zenaidura macroura*). This is an abundant resident in Scioto county, even in the severest winters at sheltered places. It feeds mostly on corn and wheat, which have been scattered in the fields. These two grains form almost its whole food. Only during October have I observed weed seeds composing more than half of its food, yet the Mourning Dove is by no means injurious to crops. Observations based upon stomach and craw contents are not entirely reliable in regard to the food of birds, since some food is so quickly digested that it cannot be